Advice regarding non payment of bonus to PSUs

1029. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRI JIBON ROY:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was any advice from Secretary (Expenditure), Ministry of Finance to Department of Heavy Industry for non-payment of Statutory bonus to PSUs which cannot generate their own fund;

(b) if so, the names of PSUs where the above advice was followed; and

(c) if not, whether Cycle Corporation of India Limited (CCIL) management was given a special advice to this effect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Ministry of Finance have, on the request of Department of Heavy Industry, agreed to provide Budgetary Support for payment of Bonus to those PSUs which are being provided assistance for salary/wages, including CCIL.

War heads for Agni

1030. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:
SHRI SATISH AGARWAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item published in the Times of India, New Delhi, dated 21st November, 1995 captioned "Warheads for Agni missile need Government go ahead";

(b) whether it is a fact that the scientists of the Defence Research and Development Organisation have completed the design of the conventional warheads for the "Agni" intermediate range ballistic missile/programme for future development but so far have not received a go ahead on this Agni project despite recent developments of military significance in the neighbourhood; and

(c) if so, what is the present position of "Agni Project"?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE AND DEPTT. OF DEFENCE RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The news-report is not based on facts and is speculative. 'AGNI' is not a missile system. It is a technology demonstrator project to establish re-entry and related technologies. With its third flight test in Feb. 1994, 'AGNI' project has been successfully completed.

Technology Packages Developed by ERDC

1031. SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY:
SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD:
DR. SHRIKANT RAM-CHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the Technology packages which are developed by the Electronics Research and Development Centre and are available for sale, and what are their respective prices;

(b) whether any further reduction in their selling price is possible;

(c) whether ERDC has stopped manufacturing outdated packages and whether packages of latest configuration are being made; and

(d) in what manner does ERDC keep itself in tune with the latest development in electronics?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS & MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) ER & DC, Thiruvananthapuram undertakes application oriented research, design and

development work in electronics, initiates R&D programmes in the latest technology areas and promotes accelerated growth of electronics industry in the country. In the process certain technologies are developed. The areas in which technology packages are developed and available from FR&DC are as under:—

1. PC Products
2. Power Electronics
3. Computer & Communication
4. Control & Instrumentation
5. Mass Communication & Consumer Electronics.
6. Social & Rural Electronics
7. AI Tools & Expert Systems Software Packages.

The technology transfer fees vary from product to product and are in the range of Rs. 5000 to Rs. 5 lakhs. Certain major system level projects have a total outlay of the order of Rs. 4 crores.

(b) ER&DC, Thiruvananthapuram does not sell any product in the market directly.

(c) ER&DC is in the continuous process of updating the technology of those packages which have been earlier developed and ER&DC attempts to bring out packages of latest ,configuration.

(d) ER&DC has a regular programme on human resource development in which training programmes are organised for the ER&DC scientists and engineers. Training is in the form of inhouse workshops, tutorials, national and international workshops and seminars, specialised programmes etc. Developmental projects are undertaken by ER&DC in the frontier areas of technology on its own or in collaboration with academic institutions, government departments and other R&D organisations both in India and abroad.

खनिजों के लिए समुद्रीतल की खुदाई

1032. **श्री अजीत जोगी:** क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या खनिज सम्पदा से समृद्ध समुद्री तल के खनन के सम्बन्ध में भारतीय प्रयास अंतिम दौर में पहुंच गये हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है और यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ग) यह खनन कार्य कब से वाणिज्यिक रूप से व्यवहार्य होगा?

रसायन एवं उर्वरक मंत्रालय, इलेक्ट्रॉनिक्स विभाग एवं महासागर विकास विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एडुअर्डो फ्लेरो): (क) जी नहीं, श्रीमान्।

(ख) समुद्र संस्तर खनिजों का विदोहन अन्वेषणात्मक अवस्था में है। भू-आधारित संसाधनों की उपलब्धता के कारण और अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय बाजार में धातु-मूल्य अपेक्षाकृत स्थिर रहने के कारण, अमेरीका सहित किसी भी देश ने गहरे समुद्रसंस्तर खनिजों के वाणिज्यिक विदोहन के लिए अब तक पूर्ण विकसित खनन प्रणाली का विकास नहीं किया है।

(ग) फ्रांस और आस्ट्रेलिया जैसे देशों द्वारा गहन अध्ययन किए गए तथा उन्होंने बताया कि सन् 2010 से पहले गहरा समुद्र संस्तर खनन वाणिज्यिक तौर पर व्यवहार्य नहीं हो सकेगा।

Mushrooming Growth of Illegal Constructions

1033. DR. RANBIR SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been mushrooming growth of illegal constructions, in total disregard to sanitary norms, water and power supplies, and building bye-laws;

(b) if so, the total number of illegal colonies in Delhi, the number of JJ Clusters in Delhi on public land; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take to deal with the situation in order to improve the living conditions in Delhi?